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SUBJECT: WAHID ABDULLAH'S OFFENSIVE REMARKS RE PAKISTAN AND BHUTTO

1. KUWAITI AMBASSADOR AL-SABAH TOLD ME MAY 11 THAT PREVIOUS EVENING, MAY 10, HE HAD GIVEN DINNER FOR HIS FRIEND WAHID ABDULLAH, AFGHAN DEPUTY FOM MIN, VISITING TEHRAN WITH NAIM. IN COURSE OF DINNER ABDULLAH WAS NOT ONLY VERY CRITICAL OF PAKISTAN BUT ATTACKED BHUTTO PERSONALLY TO POINT WHERE HE WAS OFFENSIVE TO OTHER AMBAS-SADORS PRESENT. IN FACT, HE REFERRED TO BHUTTO'S MOTHER AS PROSTI-TUTE.

2. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR GHAZI BECAME SO UPSET BY ABDULLAH'S BEHAVIOR THAT HE GOT HIMSELF VERY DRUNK AND ALMOST CAME TO BLOWS WITH ABDULLAH. AL-SABAH TRIED TO KEEP PEACE BETWEEN THEM BUT FINALLY HAD TO CARRY GHAZI BODILY TO HIS OWN CAR AND HAVE HIM DRIVEN HOME. KUWAITI AMB, A SMALL MAN HIMSELF, TOLD ME IT WAS LUCKY GHAZI WAS LIGHT ENOUGH FOR HIM TO HANDLE.

3. AL-SABAH WAS MORTIFIED THAT HIS GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP TO ABDULLAH HAD TURNED INTO SUCH A FIASCO. HE FELT OBLIGED TO SEND LONG REPORT OF EPISODE TO HIS GOVERNMENT BECAUSE AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN BESEECHING KUWAIT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SOME OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. AL-SABAH WAS CONCERNED WITH EFFECT THIS INCIDENT MIGHT HAVE ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD AFGHAN

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